

PMMA Infection Control Fact Sheet

PMMA is dedicated to infection control:

PMMA's senior vice president of health and wellness, Jeanne Gerstenkorn, is a certified infection prevention specialist. Under her leadership, infection prevention has been a top priority for the PMMA system. Each PMMA campus has an infection preventionist, who received specific training in infection prevention through nationally accredited infectious disease programs.

Each team member completes:

- An Infection Control course during onboarding orientation and then annually
- An annual workplace emergency course (a pandemic is considered an emergency situation);
- A Blood Borne Pathogen course, which includes many of the same concepts as infection control (proper hand hygiene, use of gloves, etc.).

In addition, each PMMA community has scheduled education sessions with residents and families across all levels of living on hand hygiene and cough/sneeze etiquette as a reminder of the best ways to avoid infection.

PMMA has been actively working within the guidelines provided by the CDC and our local and state health departments to protect our residents and staff. We will closely monitor developments and follow the directions of our County and State Health Departments and other related agencies.

PMMA's dedicated Plant Operations and Housekeeping teams will continue to work diligently to ensure our community is clean, safe and disinfected regularly.

We will continue our infection control practices:

We remain proactively focused on the prevention of all viruses, including COVID-19, by following the below recommendations:

- Practicing strict Standard Precautions with attention to appropriate hand hygiene and coughing/sneezing etiquette.
- Making hand sanitizer dispensers readily available throughout the community.
- Increasing focus on cleaning and sanitizing protocol, especially in the common areas and high touch surfaces.
- Encouraging staff members who are ill to stay home until they are well.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with your unwashed hands.

Personal protective equipment (PPE), which includes gloves, masks and gowns, is available as necessary.

As a standard of practice, any resident with a respiratory illness who can tolerate it is advised to wear a face mask to avoid passing the germs to others. This applies to anyone with the common cold or flu.

Timely updates are available from each state's health department (www.kdheks.gov or <https://health.mo.gov/>) and the CDC (www.cdc.gov).